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In Re Application of	:	
BEDNARIK et al	:	
Serial No.: 08/917,710	:	Petition Decision
Filed: August 26, 1997	:	
Attorney's Docket No.: 1488.04500001	:	

This is in respond to "Petition to Withdraw Holding of Abandonment Under 37 CFR 1.181" filed July 27, 2001.

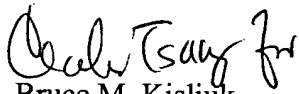
On June 23, 1999, an Office action was mailed. On July 27, 2001, the present petition was filed.

The file and applicant's statement have been carefully reviewed. On October 4, 2001, applicant provided a copy of the prosecution history to the Office for reconstruction of the file. It appears that four Status Inquiries were filed on September 3, 1999, March 20, 2000, September 20, 2000, and May 21, 2001 respectively. None of the inquires was answered. Applicant indicated that the Office action dated June 23, 1999 was never received. Although the application is technically abandoned, but no Notice of Abandonment has been mailed. Thus instant application is still in pending status. Accordingly, the petition is dismissed.

The application is being forwarded to examiner after mailing of this letter for consideration of the amendment filed March 3, 1999. Applicant's efforts assisting the reconstruction of the file is appreciated. Prosecution delay is regretted.

Petition is Dismissed.

Should there be any questions with respect to this decision, please contact Cecilia Tsang, by mail address to: Director, Technology Center 1600, Washington, D.C. 20231, or by telephone at (703) 308-0254 or by facsimile transmission at (703) 308-3890.

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